

Decision \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric  
Company in its 2012 Nuclear  
Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding.  
(U39E)

Application 12-12-012  
(Filed December 21, 2012)

And Related Matter.

Application 12-12-013

**ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE****Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in these proceedings to February 15, 2015.

**Background**

Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5 provides that ratesetting matters such as these applications shall be resolved within 18 months of issuance of the scoping memo for the proceeding, unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days.

In these proceedings, the scoping memo was issued on June 17, 2013, therefore the 18-month deadline for resolving these proceedings is December 17, 2014.

On December 21, 2012, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed Application (A.) 12-12-012 in its Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding. Also, on December 21, 2012, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), jointly filed A.12-12-013 for the 2012 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding to set contribution levels for the companies' Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds and to address other related decommissioning issues.

These applications were protested. On April 5, 2013, A.12-12-013 was amended and SCE modified its estimated annual contribution to its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund. On March 27, 2013, a prehearing conference was held and the scoping memo was issued on June 17, 2013, consolidating these proceedings and addressing issues, schedule, and other matters necessary to scope these proceedings.

Evidentiary hearings were held on August 7, 2013 and October 21, 2013 through October 25, 2013. Phase 1 of these proceedings was submitted on October 28, 2013 and Phase 2 of these proceedings was submitted on April 29, 2014. On February 24, 2014, Decision (D.) 14-02-024 addressed Phase 1 of the Triennial Review of Nuclear Decommissioning Costs and activities for PG&E as related to the Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 (HBPP3). The decision found reasonable a cost estimate of \$679 million (2011)-- approximately \$400 million higher than the 2009 estimate-- to complete the decommissioning of PG&E's nuclear power plant located at HBPP3.

The proposed decision on Phase 2 was issued for public review and comments on November 18, 2014, to be added to the December 18, 2014 Commission's Agenda. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline until February 15, 2015, is necessary to provide the Commission with enough time to

review the public comments, deliberate on the proposed decision, and to issue its final decision.

### **Waiver of Comment Period**

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of decisions extending the deadline for resolving ratesetting proceedings. We waive the period for public review and comment pursuant to this rule.

### **Assignment of Proceeding**

Michel Peter Florio is the assigned Commissioner and Melanie M. Darling is the assigned Judge in these proceedings.

### **Findings of Fact**

1. These proceedings were initiated on December 21, 2012.
2. The 18-month deadline for resolving these proceedings is December 17, 2014.
3. D.14-02-024 addressed Phase 1 issues of these proceedings.
4. A proposed decision addressing Phase 2 was issued for public review and comments on November 18, 2014.
5. An extension of time until February 15, 2015, is necessary to provide the Commission with enough time to review the public comments, deliberate on the proposed decision, and to issue its final decision.

### **Conclusions of Law**

1. Pursuant to the authority granted the Commission under Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline for these proceedings should be extended to February 15, 2015.

2. Pursuant to Rule 14.6(c)(4), the comment period for the proposed decision should be waived.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the extension of the statutory deadline for these proceedings is extended to February 15, 2015.

This order is effective today.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, at San Francisco, California.